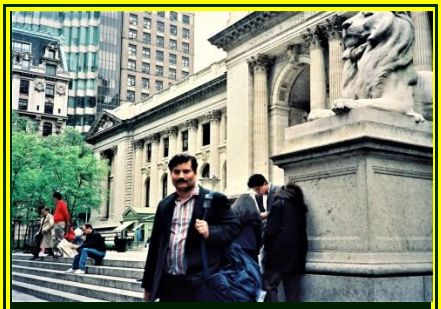

PICTORIAL TRAVELOGUE

UNITES STATES

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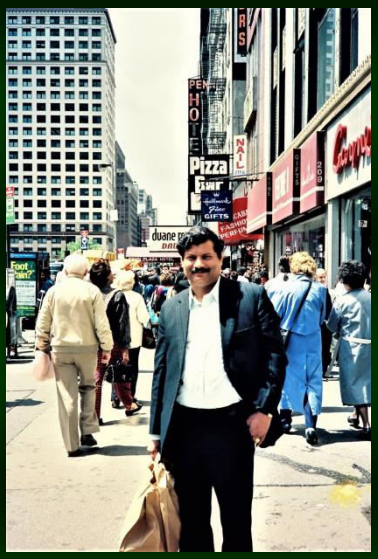

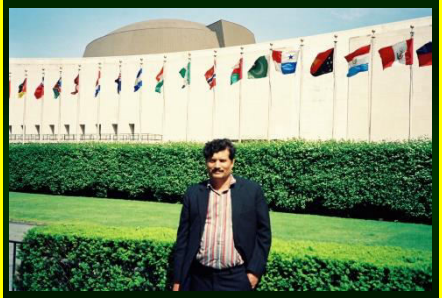

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Pakistan Railway Delegation, after visiting Canada, was scheduled to have meetings with the World Bank, concerned authorities, in connection with an ongoing loan negotiation, in Washington.

I was accompanying the Delegation as Railway Operation Specialist. It was an official assignment, which gave me an opportunity to visit the United States, for which, I acknowledge the trust shown by my seniors to accompany them as Operation Specialist.

Just after sometime, I was selected by the concerned authorities to work as Railway Operation Specialist on a World Bank funded, Rehabilitation & Recovery Programme of Sudan Railway Corporation in the Sudan, for almost three yeas.

DEDICATION

I dedicate the success of this tour to my wife, Farzana Ahmad Khan, who could not accompany me in spite of having a 'Multiple Entry Visa for Canada and United States, for the sake of children and stayed back.

I also extend my gratitude to all those who greeted and conducted us well in Canada and the United States.

PREPARATION OF THIS WORK

I, myself, have typed the whole stuff and formatted it. Any error of any kind may kindly be excused.

The photographs were taken in 1990 with a 135 mm camera.

For all the photographs of the members of the delegation, officers, officials and others, who appeared in the Memoir, I extend my gratitude and am thankful to them.

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UNITED STATES
OF
AMERICA

1990

After our stay in Canada, we came to the United States for Negotiation with World Bank in Washington. we flew from Toronto to New York by AA 1072. We flew at 13:30 and arrived at New York at 14:30.

No Immigration or other formalities were observed at New York, as these were alreadywere carried out at Toronto, Canada by United States Staff.

UNITES STATES OF AMERICA - USA

The U.S.A. is a country of 50 states covering a vast area of North America, with Alaska in the Northwest and Hawaii in the Pacific Ocean.

United States Map

NEW YORK CITY

UNITED STATES

New York City is located, where the Hudson River meets the Atlantic Ocean. The core Borough is Manhattan; whereas, Iconic Sites are Empire State Building, Central Park, Broadway Theater and Times Square.

The meetings at Washington were after a few days, therefore we became on our own. After some struggle I got myself accommodated in YMCA almost in the center of the city, near Empire State Building. It was very comfortable place to stay in. After having settled, I visited almost all the important places in New York.

At first I had a round of the Manhattan and saw what I have heard or seen in the movies; and then visited other places.

APPROACHING NEW YORK CITY

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NEW YORK – USA

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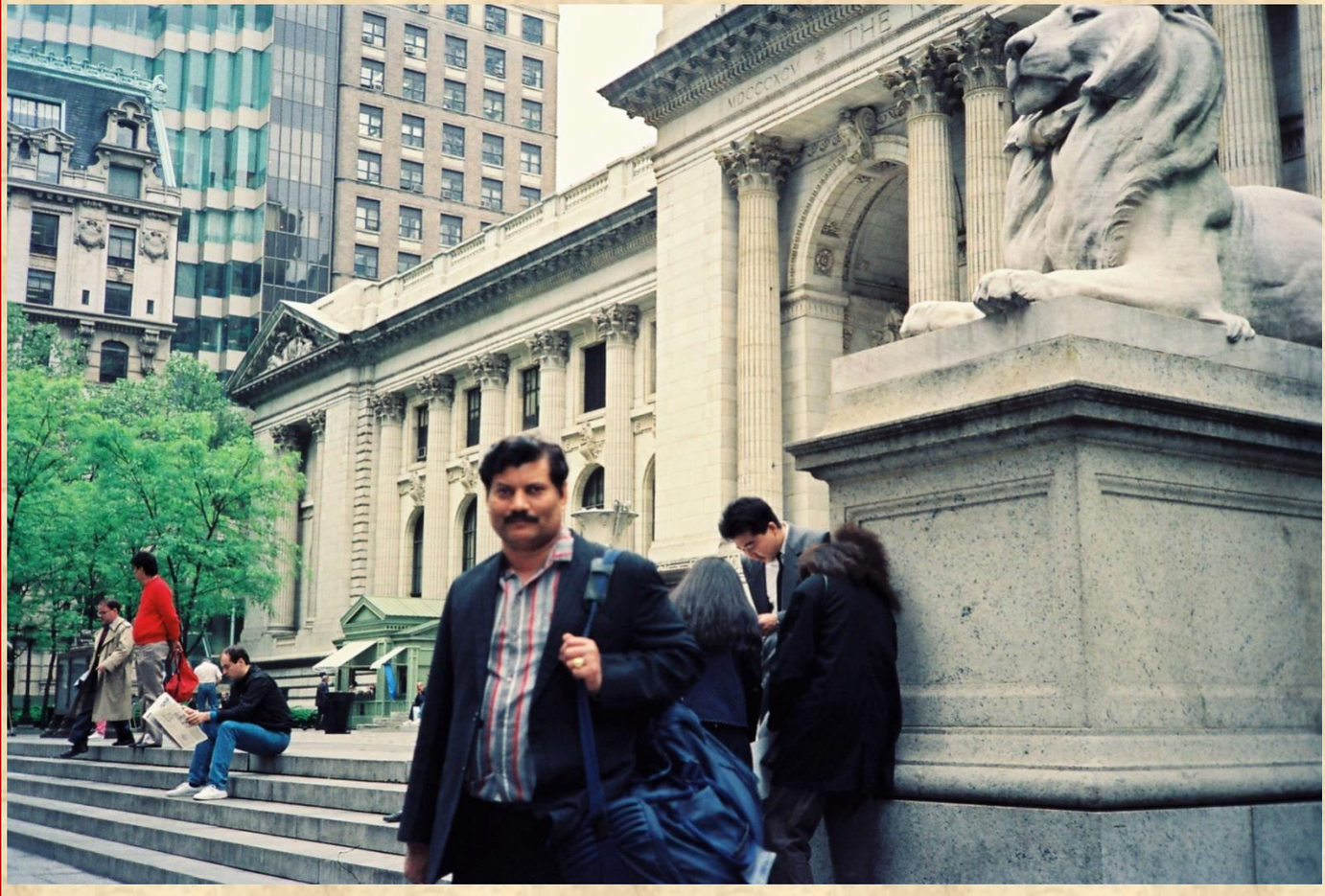
NEW YORK - USA



NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY
NEW YORK - USA

A STREET VIEW
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NEW YORK - USA

UNITES NATIONS

HEADQUARTERS

NEW YORK

UNITED NATIONS
NEW YORK – USA

The United Nations Headquarters Building is located in New York City since its completion in 1952.

When, in New York, one day I spent the whole day in the UN Building and visited its major organs' places.

UN HEADQUARTERS
NEW YORK - USA

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NEW YORK - USA

GENERAL ASSEMBLY - UNO

NEW YORK - USA

SECURITY COUNCIL - UNO

NEW YORK - USA

TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL - UNO

NEW YORK - USA

POSTAL ADMINISTRATION - UNO

NEW YORK - USA

STATUE OF LIBERTY

LIBERTY ISLAND
NEW YORK
UNITED STATES

STATUE OF LIBERTY
LIBERTY ISLAND - NEW YORK

The Statue of Liberty, on Liberty Island in New York Harbor, is within New York City, in the United States. I had seen this statue a lot in the movies and pictures, which I was very keen to see. Therefore on the first available opportunity I visited this place,

Circle Line Statue of Liberty Ferry

Liberty National Monument
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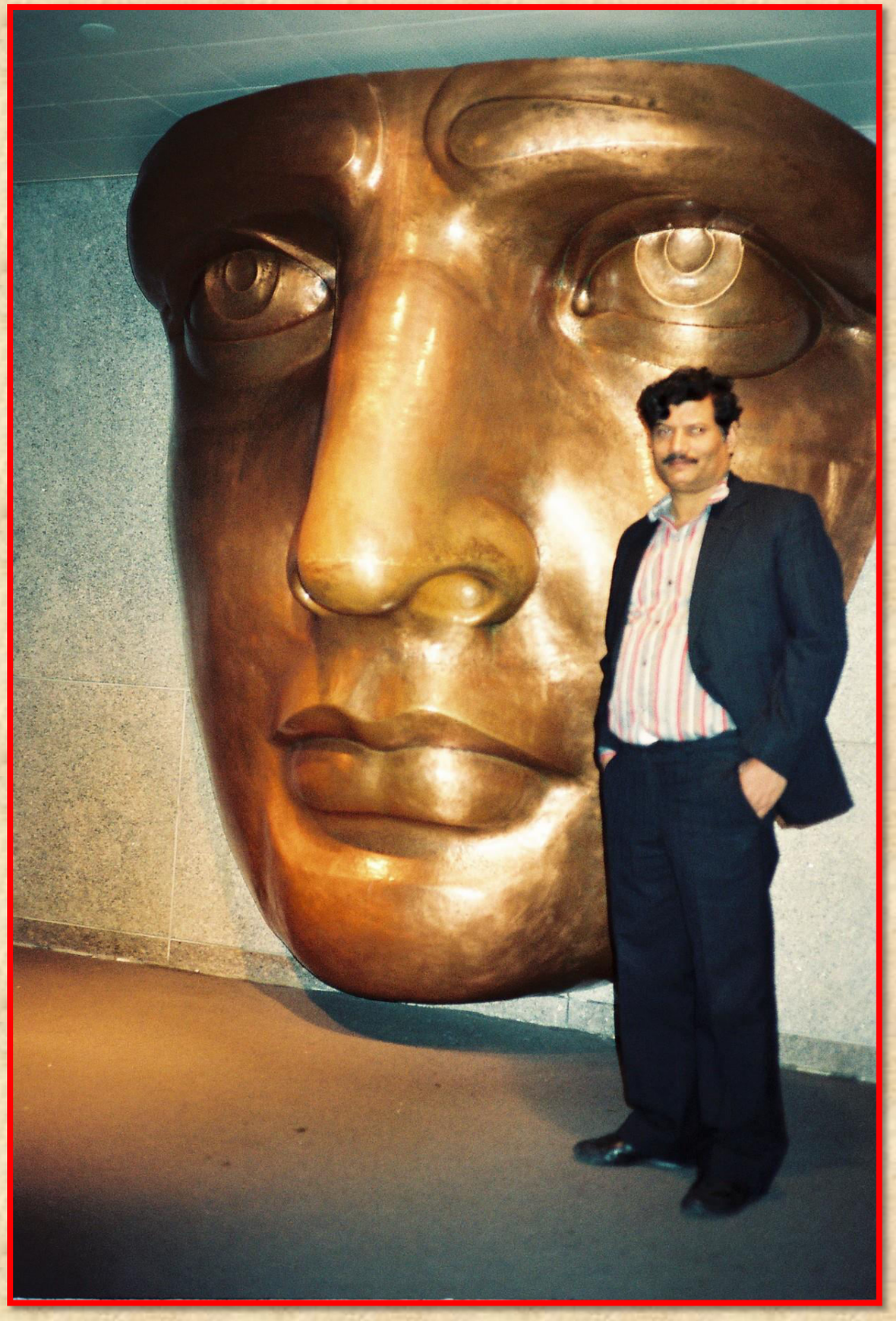

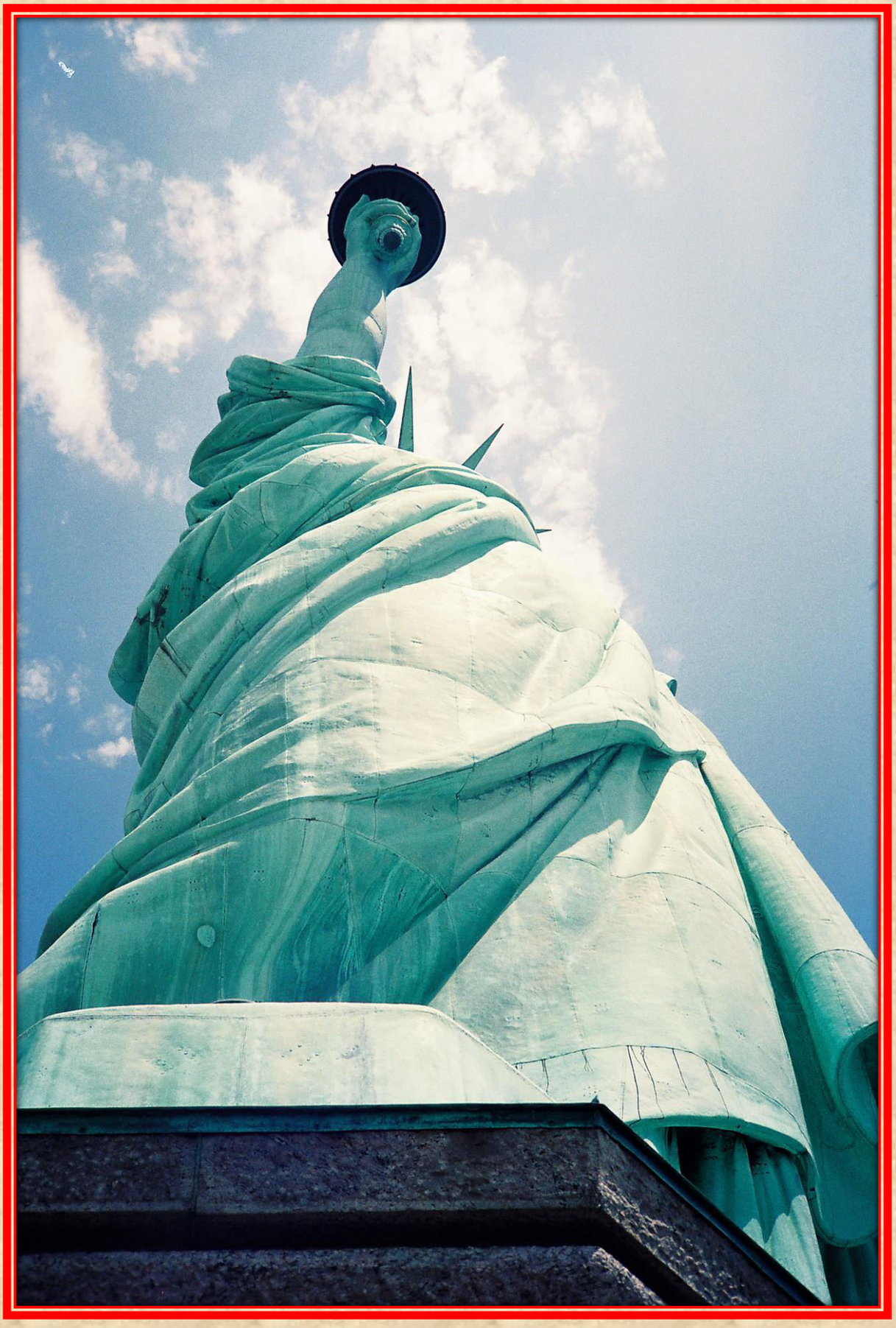

WASHINGTON

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WASHINGTON

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Washington, DC, is theCapital of United States of America on the Potomac River. The city has monuments and buildings like the Capitol Hill, White House and Supreme Court. It also has other places like Monument.

I reached Washington from New York by bus, day before theScheduled Meeting at World Bank. I fully enjoyed the journey through Baltimore and witnessed the heavy infrastructure; impressive.

At Washington I stayed in a place in the G. Washington University near to important places including World Bank Office.

WORLD BANK OFFICE
WASHINGTON – U.S.A.

Early in the morning we were in the World Bank Office, where we had meetings with the Bank's Men; Mr. Tillman, Hari Ram and Mohsin Ali. The lunch was offered by them in a nearby restaurant. Meeting continued till late in the evening, when the Secretary Railways had final documentation with Mr. Tillman.

WORLD BANK OFFICE
WASHINGTON - USA

WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON – USA

The White House is the Official Residence and Workplace of the President of the United States. It is located in Washingtonand has been the Residence of every U.S. president.

I visited this place and took some photographs.

WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON – USA

WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON – USA

MONUMENT
WASHINGTON - U.S.A.

The Washington Monument is a Landmark on the National Mall, built to commemorate George Washington, the Commander-in-Chief and the first President of the United States. When, I visited the place, there was a large number of students from different cities of Unites States, who had come to pay their homage to this Monument.

THE BASE OF THE MONUMENT
A TEACHER ADDRESSING HER STUDENTS
WASHINGTON - U.S.A.

THE MONUMENT

WASHINGTON U.S.A.

MR BILL PREVALTEL

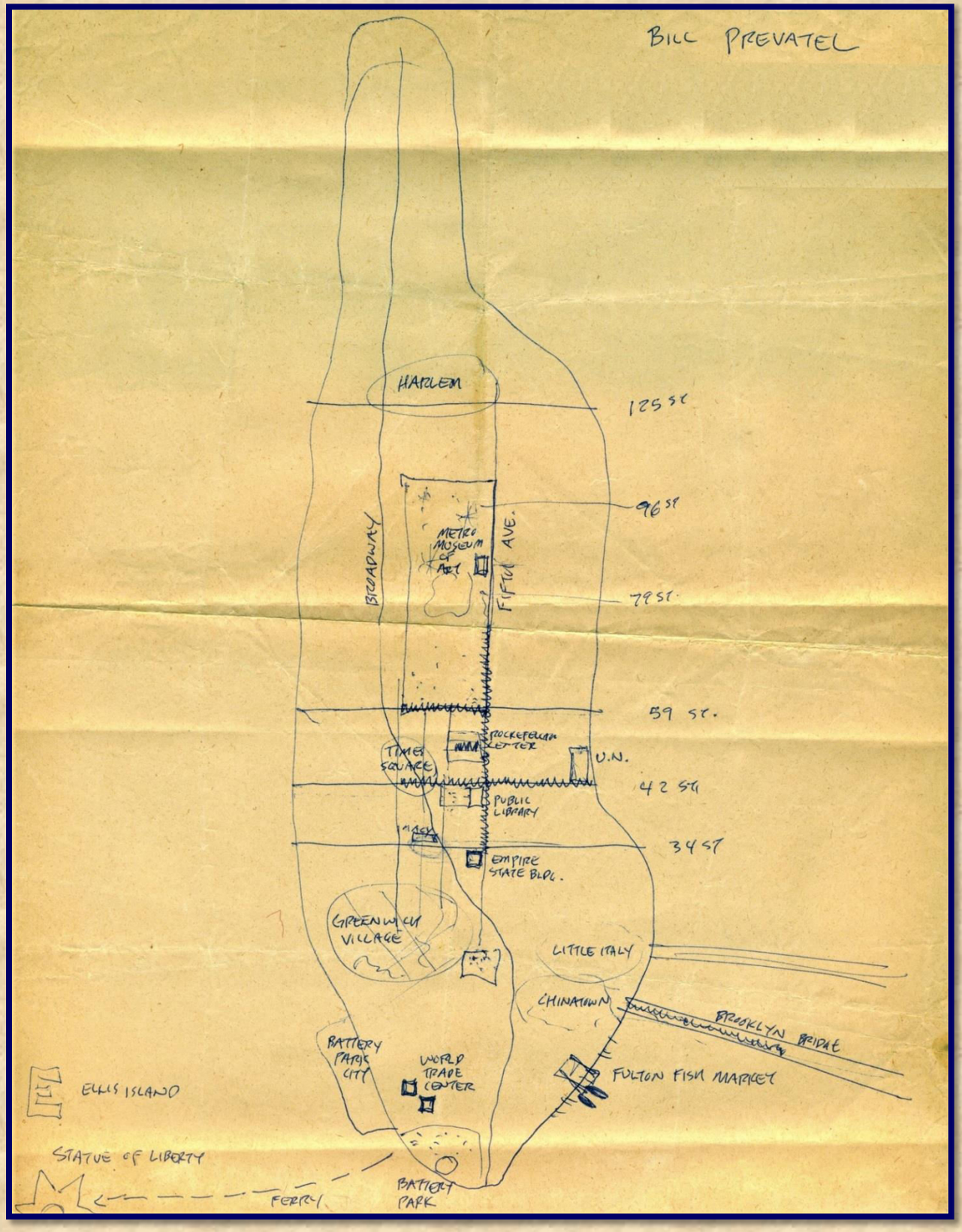
One day I was walking around wonderingly in New York when I reached a point at the East River towards the south of New York. It was a grassy plot, where, holding a railing I stood gazing at the flow of water, when, I saw a gentleman on my left, almost in the same position. I just looked at him and smiled and it was the of conversion. He was fully dressed up for jogging in short and was quite a stout man. However, I don't remember at what point we opened up and seemed to be known since long without having known the background of one another. He offered me to show around New York, which, I accepted. He found a blank paper and started drawing a map of the Island and explaining me about various prominent buildings in the areas worth visiting.

Top of the map he wrote his name, address, postcode and phone number. (For this pictorial I have edited it, except his name).

NEW YORK MAP DRAWN

BY

MR. BILL PREVATEL



CONDOMINIUM

The walk started. It was almost sun set. Crisscrossing the stairs, streets; short cut were adopted and we were standing in front of bountiful residential tall building. He knocked at the door and the guard from inside the locked door calmly opened the door. They introduced one another and I was allowed inside the lobby. I stood there for some time and they both introduced almost everything. This type of residential flats were called condominium or a condo in the United States is a type of living space, independently sellable It is building structure divided into several units (flats) separately owned. It was in 1990 was an experience of all kind including that of the social behavior.

GRAND CENTRAL TERMINAL (RAILWAY)

Grand Central Terminal or Grand Central Station is a Commuter Rail Terminal located at 42nd Street and Park Avenue in Midtown Manhattan, New York City. After the flat, Bill took through small streets, stairs to place I was surprised to see it. It was a terminus railway yard (not a station). The Terminal round railway track was taking the round of the whole yard against a terminus (big pillar like). We could see just going the track in the dark yard. There was none about us when suddenly we heard a loud whistle from the darkness which was answered by Bill and there was a long ok and we came out of the place and we were in the 42nd street.

DAILY NEWS BUILDING - DAILY NEWS EARTH GLOBE

Now were at another place 'Daily News Building' where we could see a big earth globe through the glassy doors. It was the Daily News Earth Globe. Mr. Bill again requested the guard on duty, who, was kind enough to open the door and we were in the lobby. We calmly saw the big globe around it and satisfied ourselves. We thanked the guard and bade him good bye.

During our tour, we saw many a small things, which, otherwise I could never see.

By now I was near my place, 39th Street near Empire Estate. Mr. Bill still wanted me to cross the busiest part of 42nd Street, which, I thanked him that I do myself but he was guard enough to advise me to watch and walk straight and don't talk to anybody. There was lot of rush in the street. Lot of Police with dogs was around.

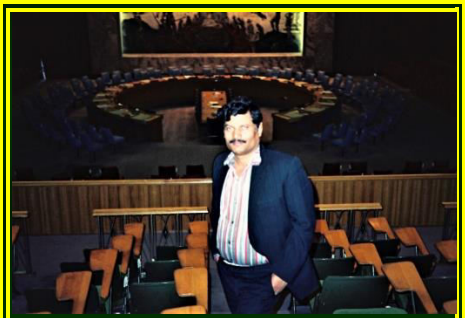
My way to my hotel was empty. I just ran and reached there.

I cannot forget Bill. He is a man of his own kind whom I can never forget. His face still roams around me.

HOPE TO VISIT

THE UNITED STATES

AGAIN



I, Maqsood Ahmad Khan, after having the Master Degree in Economics from the Government College, Lahore (Punjab University) in 1972, qualified the Competitive Examination for Civil Services of Pakistan 1974 and joined Traffic (Transportation & Commercial Group) of Pakistan Railways. I rose to the level of General Manager (Welfare & Training); and completed my services on 4th March 2010, after attaining superannuation. During the service, I could visit many a countries, viz Belgium, Canada, Egypt , England, France, Holland, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Switzerland, UAE, USA, West Germany in connection with foreign assignments, training, meetings, visits and studies; alone or with the members of my family. To make theses journeys memorable, the use of the camera was a tool with me. The collection of the photographs thus taken, when seen at the later years, gave an account of travels round the world, which I am sharing with others as information; memoir or self-actualization. Hope, the readers would enjoy my Pictorial Travelogue. For any feedback or comments please contact at

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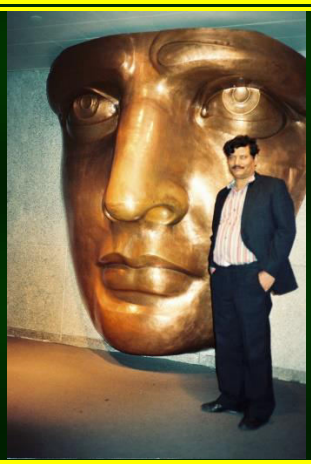
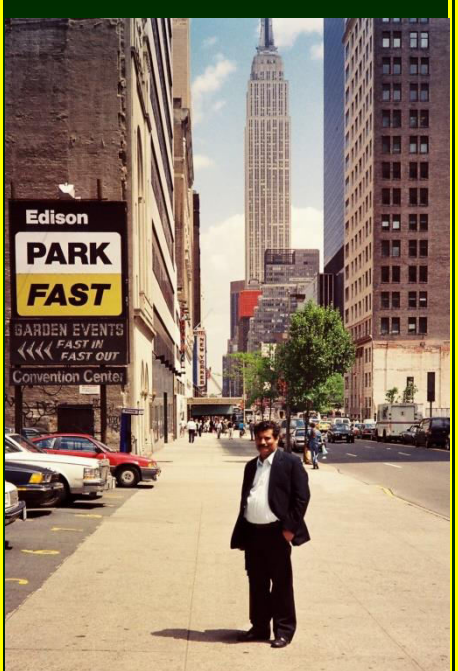
PS: The photographs of the friends, colleagues and others have been uploaded in good faith, as memoir.

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